

HOUSE RESOLUTION 282

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jeff Carr of Dickson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jeff Carr; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Carr was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr served with acumen and alacrity as a senior leader at Vanderbilt University for more than thirty years, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born in the Bronx, New York, Mr. Carr grew up in Alabama; he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Chattanooga, currently known as the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Carr came to Nashville in 1963 to study law at Vanderbilt University; after graduating in 1966, he remained at the University until his retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Vanderbilt University, Mr. Carr served in various roles, including general counsel, university secretary, and vice chancellor for university relations, and was a trusted advisor to several chancellors. He oversaw the operation of several offices, including security, news and public affairs, and traffic and parking; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Carr's contributions to Vanderbilt University are significant and numerous: he helped navigate the addition of Peabody College to the University and he managed the growth at Vanderbilt University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, he worked with Chancellor Emeritus Joe B. Wyatt to broaden the University's community engagement, including the senior citizen education program that eventually became the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt; and

WHEREAS, he worked with merchants and property owners to beautify Hillsboro Village and helped secure the University's purchase of property on West End Avenue, which was later developed to include retail and office space and a hotel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr was also involved in city and regional planning efforts; he was the lead organizer of a regional planning summit in 1999, and he helped create Cumberland Region Tomorrow, an organization dedicated to planning for the future success and livability of the ten-county region surrounding and including Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Carr further served as general counsel for the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the organization's Executive Committee, Education Committee, and Board of Governors. Additionally, he also served as a member of the Dickson County Quarterly Court and the Dickson County Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Anne Oglesby Carr, and was the proud father of two daughters, Ellen Carr and Anna Carr Jones; he was also the doting grandfather of two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Carr leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Jeff Carr, reflecting fondly upon his stalwart dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Carr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.